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Dinner theater to open tonight

by Jennifer Murray
advertising manager

TJC students, faculty, staff and alumni will perform a murder mystery dinner theater tonight and tomorrow. English Instructor Anita Livingston will direct "Death Suite."

Those who attend will receive a new identity and a biography of their character at the door.

"It is audience participation, no stage," Livingston said.

Clues will be handed out to help the audience decide "who done it" and win a prize at the end.

Throughout the night, characters will be allowed to talk to and interact with the audience. The action is centered around people coming to hear a piano concert.

The evening will consist of a show, dinner, more of the show and dessert.

"Some of it is planned. It's funny. It's for adults and risky at times," Livingston said.

The cast includes students Reagan Cole, Mickey Murillo and Tiffany Wooten, Art Instructor Barbara Holland and former student Ron Hughes, staff members Andi Liner,

Steve Morrow and Debbie North.

Hughes is assistant director and Sarah Mason is stage manager.

Performances start at 7:30 p.m. in the Apache Rooms. Tickets cost \$5 for students, \$12 for faculty and staff and \$15 for general public at the Student Activities office on the second floor of the Rogers Student Center.

"We're especially proud of the show. It's a kind of night everybody will enjoy," Livingston said.

15 King, Queen nominees expected

by Kittee Cunningham
staff writer

All nominees for Homecoming king and queen were due Thursday.

"We expect to have about 15 nominees this year," Student Activities Director Scott Nalley said.

When the polls open today in Rogers Student Center, students can vote for their choice of king and queen at the information desk. They must present their student I.D. card.

The top 10 will be an-

nounced at Campus Capers along with Most Beautiful and Most Handsome, Nalley said.

"The king and queen will be announced at the pre-game ceremony Saturday," Nalley said.

Campus Capers coming

by Kristi Flippin
page editor

Students will compete in Campus Capers, the traditional Homecoming talent show, at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Wise Auditorium.

Professional competitors are school organizations that receive scholarship funds such as the Apache Belles, Apache Punch Drum Line, Cheerleaders and Harmony and Understanding.

Amateurs are student comedians, dancers or singers selected in Oct. 16 tryouts. These students are Peter Keane, Neicy Walker, Paul Cooksey, Jamie Leach and a group called Stacked High.

Acts will be judged by Student Senate representatives. First place wins \$300, second place, \$200 and third place, \$100 for

each category.

"Last year Apache Punch barely knocked the Belles out of first place, but this year it's on-watch out, Drums," sophomore Belle LaTonya Foster said.

Most Beautiful and Most Handsome will be presented at Campus Capers along with the Queen and King nominees, who will be narrowed down to the top 10.

Admission costs \$3 for students with an ID, \$5 for faculty and staff, \$8 for the general public and is free for alumni. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

A pep rally outside Wise Auditorium will immediately follow Campus Capers. It will showcase the Cheerleaders, Apache Band, Apache Punch and Apache Belles.

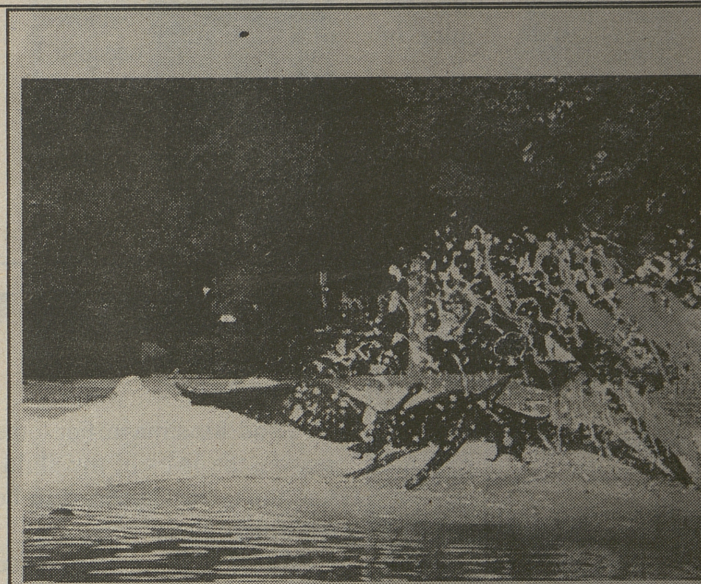


photo by Kenneth Dean

Bubbles, bubbles everywhere. Students playing early Halloween jokes filled the duck pond with soap suds Friday the 13th.

Drum beat to set tone for Homecoming Week

by Sheradon Staehlin
staff writer

A tradition since 1948, the Drumbeat began early today, setting the tone for Homecoming Week. Students from campus organizations will join to beat a drum made from a wooden Jack Daniels whiskey barrel with cowhide strapped over the top and bottom.

This tradition started the year TJC's first football team was born.

The tradition requires that the beating must start at 8 a.m. today and not stop until the game kick-off. Otherwise, the Apaches will lose.

If the resonant sounds of the Apache cadence continue throughout the week, the team will win.

"Only once has the tradition faltered." Student Activities Director Scott Nalley said.

"Someone stopped beat-

ing and the team tied," Nalley said.

The Apache Cheerleaders started the drumbeat at 8 a.m. in front of Rogers Student Center. Should rainy weather come, drum and drummers will move under the Student Center stairway.

Student organizations can beat from one to three hours, Nalley said. Saturday the drum will be placed in the back of a truck as someone beats it. They will continue beating on the drive to Rose Stadium and until the kick-off.

"Something neat about the tradition is the students of today have something in common with the students of 1948," Nalley said.

**Don't forget to
vote Nov. 7!**

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"Beauty is truth, truth beauty." -
That is all Ye know on earth and
all ye need to know. - John
Keats, "Ode on a Grecian Urn"

CAMPUS F•O•C•U•S

What is your favorite Halloween costume? Why?



Joshua Turner

"A vampire, because of their beauty and desire for love."



Aimee Morris

"A clown, because I like to be goofy."



Michelle Johnson

"Cleopatra, because it's different."



LaToya Duffie

"A princess, because it makes you feel like you're in a fairyland."



Denver Hall

"The 'Scream' outfit, because it's the new image of fear for our generation."

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Student wonders about animal deaths

by Hannah Buchanan
editor-in-chief

I find this strange. For some reason, the lives of my childhood pets all happened to be extremely short.

Call it what you like — bad luck with animals, an anti-pet curse — each pet either ended up dead within two months, or my mom would have to give it back to the original owner.

First were the two tiger barbs. These are not defective tigers, or another brand of barbed wire, but fish. Barbs resemble small goldfish with black stripes running vertically down their scales.

Anxiously my parents and

I went to the pet store to buy them. Unknown to us, the two tiger barbs were anxiously awaiting fish heaven, for they died as soon as we bought them. I don't remember exactly when the barbs died — I just remember staring into the toilet bowl at their small lifeless bodies.

I paid my respects, and watched them swirl around in the water until they were no longer visible.

A yellow duck (it had no name) was my next pet. The duck was a gift from my grandma and step-grandpa.

Actually we had two ducks.

One belonged to my brother — it was a mallard we all called Mac. My duck didn't have a name, because it died before I could think of one. We kept the pair outside and then one extremely cold night came along. Dead duck!

Pet No. 3 was a cat named... well, we didn't keep it long enough to even name it. My mom gave it back to the former owner because the cat had an unusual habit of sleeping near the heads of people — while they were sleeping.

Holly was the lovable, huggable, adorable calico kitten I kept for about a month. A ter-

rible, cat-eating dog attacked her one day, shredding the poor kitten to bits. I'm glad I wasn't there to see it.

Kitty was a silver tabby. With the exception of demolishing our Christmas tree one year, he was well-behaved. But he ran away, to enjoy the busy life of a tom cat. Only God knows where he is. Maybe the tabby learned about my bad luck with animals?

The moral of this column: don't get too attached to your pets. You never know when they will go out of your life for good.

Cats, tiger barbs, ducks — oh my.

Reality Check — Bush, Gore battle

by Mike Pero
page editor

Presidential salary: \$400,000

Hand-held tape recorder: \$30

Little Blue Dress: \$50

The look on Bill Clinton's face when he lied the the American people about Monica Lewinsky: priceless.

There are some things money can't buy. For everything else, there's politics.

Lets face it, folks, there really isn't a vast chasm of differences between Governor George Bush and Vice President Al Gore. As much as we would love to believe their promises of change and reform, we all know the routine.

Candidates will promise voters almost anything just to be elected but as soon as they set foot in the Oval Office,

they step in to a turbid plethora of regulations, stipulations, negotiations, red tape, bureaucrats, angry Congresspersons — the list goes on: It's not necessarily the president's fault, but hey, was it OJ's fault when he killed Nicole?

So, tired of the consistent babble and political ramblings aired in recent Presidential debates, I propose an entirely new way of choosing a vote-worthy candidate: Celebrity Death Match.

I now take the place of ring-side announcer at such an event.

In the Democrat corner weighing in at an unspecified amount, Gore and his two chins! Somebody check that man for a pulse!

And in the Republican corner looking mean, lean, ready to insult more than just a lousy reporter, George W. Bush!

And the fight is underway! Bush goes on the offensive right away, pulling two large automatic rifles from who knows where! This could be deadly, folks.

It's too bad Al has a no-tolerance policy on automatic weapons. But wait, he counters, pulling out a copy of his welfare reform plan. That baby's got enough red tape to stop a train. The bullets are disappearing into it just like anyone dumb enough to sit down and read it. I always knew it was good for something.

Now Gore is on the offensive! He snaps his fingers and what's this? Ten angry abortionists jump down from the stands, scalpels drawn! George is in a tight spot here, folks. Being pro-life, he has no doctors to call and the militant abortion picketers are nowhere to

be seen. The doctors are getting closer, those knives look really sharp, I'd hate to be in his shoes right now.

WAIT! WHAT IS THIS? Could it be? YES, IT IS! Bush pulls out a dead caribou, killed near his proposed oil wells in Alaska and wields it over his head. Deftly swinging left and right, he takes out the doctors with blows that he could've learned only in Fort Worth bars!

As the bell signals the end of the first match, the two opponents retreat to their corners with Gore sighing and rolling his eyes the whole way there.

And the second round is underway. A notorious jogger, Bush is in great shape and starts running circles around his flabby counterpart, throw-

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Learning continues outside classrooms

Instructor takes students to DMA for extra credit, broadening horizons

by Julie Steck
page editor

History Instructor Jerry Simpson will take a group of students Dec. 2 to see classic American furniture and fascinating paintings at the Dallas Museum of Art.

Simpson takes students to the Museum every semester for extra credit. They leave campus at 8 a.m. and spend the day at DMA, returning home by 7 p.m. Occasionally they do tours of the Museum. One semester he took students to the Omni Theater.

In the contemporary gallery, a four-wall projection taken in Caesar's Palace and the Desert Inn shares the sounds of casino life. Jane and Louise Wilson capture the sounds of the roulette table, slot machines, gambling and the constant chatter around casinos.

One of Simpson's favorite rooms is dedicated to Wendy and Emery Reves. Wendy Reves was a fashion model from Marshall who married a rich European. They lived in beautiful Villa La Pausa on the French Riviera until Emery Reves' death in 1983.

They collected fine art from masters like Edouard Manet, Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Paul Gauguin and Vincent van Gogh, among others.

When Wendy Reves moved back to Texas, she asked the DMA to duplicate their villa and she agreed to furnish it.

Museum workers built the exact floor plan in the Museum and Reves filled the rooms with beautiful and elegant furniture and exquisite paintings worth millions of dollars.

Simpson enjoys taking his students to places like the Museum because they wouldn't normally go there.

"They don't have to become art majors. I just want them to be aware of the art around them," Simpson said.

Their reactions are not surprising. He gets everything from "wow" to "hmm."

"The ones who are falling asleep in class are just there to get the extra credit," Simpson said.

Plays are other extra credit opportunities students have throughout the semester.

Simpson thinks it's sad that people don't get out and experience a live play. He has attended 150 plays in London and has been an audience volunteer in a few.

Planetarium offers classes, free fun times

by Coretta Williams
page editor

Hudnall Planetarium assists students by offering "a combination of teaching astronomy lecture and labs," Director Bill Walker said. Admission is free to students with IDs. Adult tickets cost \$1.50; those for children and seniors cost \$1.

Once a month, the Planetarium plans a Star Party, usually on Saturday nights or when a special event occurs.

A variety of shows every week at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and 2 p.m. Sundays attracts students and area residents.

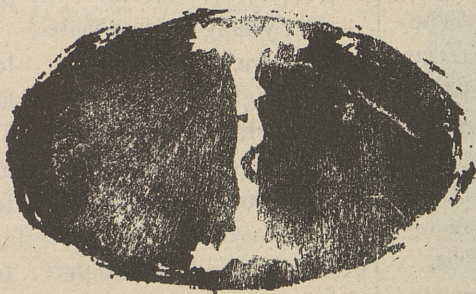
A children's show, "Larry, Cat in Space" will run through Thanksgiving. "Season's Greetings" will run the first two weeks in December.

The Planetarium, which opened in 1963, has 14 or so shows to entertain and teach school groups.

"I think the youngest group of students we've had were daycare students," Walker said. "We have them regularly."

The Planetarium offers classes in the mornings, afternoons and over the Internet.

"We want to let the students know we're interested in them and to encourage them to take classes here," Walker said.



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ing punches and shouting, "NO CHANGE IN THE LAST SEVEN YEARS!" Gore is growing weary of this, but what can he do? His two chins keep bouncing in opposite directions which prevent him from making any sudden movements except rolling his eyes, of course.

Al has had enough. Reaching into his pocket, he pulls out a paper cutout of Texas and tears it in half! Bush is stunned and falls to his knees, utterly heartbroken, and begins singing "Home on the Range" through his tears.

Gore laughs and again snaps his fingers. An entire army of the middle class who have all been promised tax cuts suddenly appear, looking mean! Well, folks, this is no threat to Bush whose tax plan caters to those of all financial backgrounds. One snap from his now tear-stained fingers assembles three times the number of angry tax-payers.

The crowd has now taken sides and is viciously battling to

the death in the stands. Gore thinks it's about time to end this match and straddles the Democratie Jackass, unsheathes his trusty bic and charges Bush.

Unfortunately for Gore, the Republican mascot is an elephant, so you can imagine to see how this match ended.

Yes, in a fateful twist of political irony, Gore is gored to death by those big Republican tusks and the jackass is smashed beneath the elephant's feet.

Bush, the winner, is so heartbroken over seeing his beloved state ripped in half that he forfeits the presidency and by default, Ralph Nader becomes the new Commander-in-Chief.

My point, folks, is the man-who-will-make-America-great that many naive voters dream about is nothing more than a head piece to a bureaucratic rat race.

But, it's still possible to get a good head piece so go out, vote and make a difference.

'Learning Loft' offers free tutoring

by Stacie Drinning
staff writer

The Learning Loft offers free tutoring in most subjects. The Loft on the third floor of the Rogers Student Center is funded by TJC and open to all students.

Trained student tutors can help in almost any course. To use Loft facilities, students must present an I.D. card and be ready to study, Loft Director Cindy Lowery said.

Schedules for math, chemistry, accounting, COSC and dental hygiene tutoring labs are posted in the Loft.

Some 100 tutors working there have helped more than 500 students this semester.

They earn \$6.25 per hour for individual tutoring and \$7 per hour for group or lab work.

To get these jobs, students must have a faculty recommendation, maintain at least a 3.0 GPA, have made an A in the course they will tutor and complete a six-hour training workshop.

Those interested in working should contact Lowery or go to the Loft for more information.

Learning Loft Schedule

Math- Monday-Thursday 1-7pm (in Loft)

Accounting- Tuesday & Thursday 2-4pm (in Loft)

COSC- Tuesday & Wednesday 6-9pm, Saturday 11a.m. - 4 p.m. (in room T-315)

Chemistry- Thursdays 2:45-4:45 (in room G202)

Dental Hygiene TBA

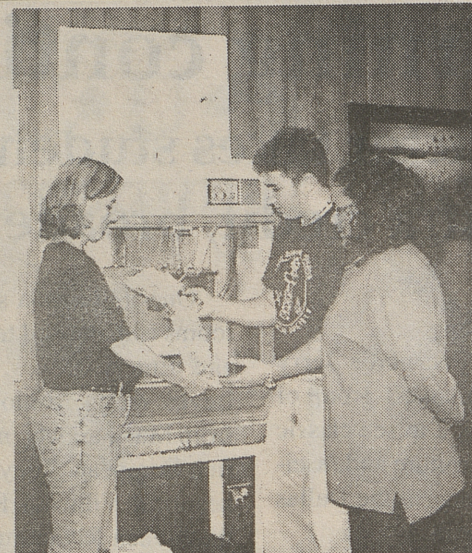


photo by Jennifer Murray
Geology Club Secretary-Treasurer Mitzi Garcia and club member Matt Cates serve Sophomore Vanessa Mendez at the Popcorn stand. The Geology Club sold canned drinks and popcorn to raise funds for their camping trip to Glen Rose.

Vision care program makes glasses, serves students, public

by Coretta Williams
associate editor

The Vision Care Center serves to students in two ways.

Students learn to make and sell eyeglasses. Other students and the general public can shop there for eyeglasses at bargain prices.

The program was started in 1973 to create an optical training program in the East Texas area.

The Dispensary is open daily during the spring semester, Feb. 1 through mid-April. The Center does not do complete eye exams,

but sells a variety of lens from designer to economy. Frames cost as little as \$29.

"When we're open, we are very busy," Steve Robbins, vision care technology director, said. "We sell glasses to the public."

People of all ages, from

5 up, shop at the center for frames.

With more than 700 frames to choose from and every lens type including computer glasses, customers have many options.

"The finished eye glasses are inspected by cer-

tified opticians. The frames must meet the eyeglass quality administered by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration," Robbins said.

For more information on the Vision Care Center, contact Robbins at 510-2961.

Gallery displays local artist

by Coretta Williams
associate editor

The art gallery in Wise Auditorium will display art by Barbara Walls through Nov. 20. Admission is free.

Walls creates in watercolor, oil, collage and graphics. Her realistic paintings employ record East Texas scenes and the sights and experiences of 14 years of living and traveling abroad in the Far East, Middle East, Africa and Europe. Her works have been exhibited in the United States, Japan, Germany, Scotland, Libya, Portugal and Bermuda.

"We like to have at least one art exhibit per semester," Art Instructor Barbara Holland said. "We bring all of our art appreciation classes over to view the paintings."

Walls' paintings have received national and international recognition, including a first place in oils in an exhibit in Japan. Her African

Wildlife collection received a national first place award from a New York judge.

The paintings in Wise include examples from her wildlife and oriental collections. Her wildlife works are



based on sketches and photos of real animals. She paints the animals from the outside inward to get the anatomy correct.

She developed the orien-

tal collages when she taught art in the Philippines. "The supplies were limited, so she had to use the only resources for colored paper — magazines and gift wrapping paper," Holland said. "The collages display a layering technique from Japan."

Since she returned to the United States, Walls' paintings have been exhibited and won awards in shows in Pittsburg, Mount Pleasant, Dallas, Nacogdoches and Austin. The state-wide Citation Show exhibited her paintings where they were selected for Texas Fine Arts Association's touring exhibit.

Her paintings have been shown in one-artist shows and at the Longview Art Museum.

Walls lives Longview and she teaches continuing education art classes at Kilgore College.

2 compete for Miss Deaf Tyler

by Stacie Drinning
staff writer

Six young women were eligible for Miss Deaf Tyler Friday night, but only two had the self-esteem and confidence to participate. This is the first time in competition history more than one person has qualified to participate Pageant Overseer Tina Dillman said.

Best friends Amanda Hopson, 18, and Lisa Kirkpatrick, 18, both early admissions students attending Van High School and TJC, competed to be 2001 Miss Deaf Tyler.

TJC was a logical place to hold the Pageant which promotes education of the deaf, Interpreter Training Director Dr. Judy Barnes said. "We have the largest deaf student population in East Texas, she said.

TJC, with 18 deaf students, has contributed to this pageant with its "deaf friendly" attitude, Cindy Lowery, deaf student inter-

preter coordinator, said.

Deaf students are no longer forced to leave the area for a good education. They can stay in East Texas and gain a wonderful "deaf friendly" education here.

The pageant included four parts: private interview with the judges, platform presentation on deaf education, talent and poise competition in evening gowns.

Barnes expected about 100 people to watch the pageant in Wise Auditorium. All proceeds will help send Miss Deaf Tyler and Miss Deaf Longview to the Miss Deaf Texas Pageant next fall.

Torey Cole, retiring Miss Deaf Tyler, and Kelly Curtis, retiring Miss Deaf Longview, are both elementary deaf education majors here. Both have spent the past year representing East Texas, and working for such issues as better deaf education in public schools, Barnes said.

Hot Spots for Halloween

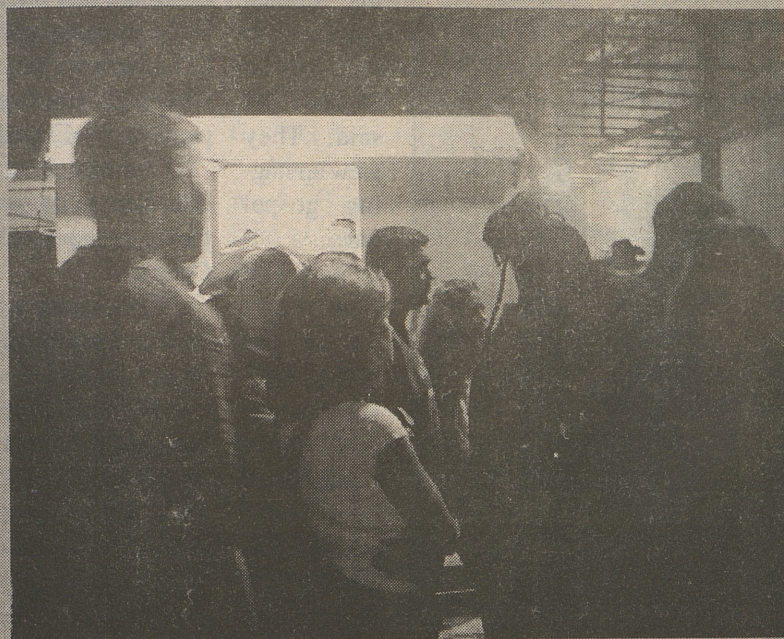


photo by Ashley Tompkins

College-age students stand outside the foors of Hell House before they enter. Patrons must fill out release forms before entering. Hell House on Troup Hwy., will be open tonight tomorrow night from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Other options for Halloween are below in Halloween 2000.

by Kenneth Dean
staff writer

Hell House is not the average haunted house. Instead it provides, according to its sponsors, a glimpse at some problems facing today's young people. The House used vivid scenes of death, drugs and abortion.

The senses come alive in this all-too-real depiction of life and the consequences of decisions one may make. The Christian message shows how drugs, suicide and drinking and driving can affect one's whole life.

Located at Troup Highway Hell House is sponsored by some East Texas churches. Visitors pay \$5 for the 45-minute trip through the House. Income pays for production costs and helps support The Castle, a local organization for teens.

Education Major Dusty

Baley has worked in the House three years. This year he is a tech who supports the actors and he has raised rats for the house.

The House's message Baley said, is "People do things without thinking of their consequences."

"For teens, it seems that the suicide and abortion rooms are the most impacting," Baley said.

Those who are claustrophobic should not go to Hell House dramatic scenes occur in tight, dark places. Live rats and snakes are used to stress the reality of the scenes, but they are in the rooms with the actors, not loose in the crowd.

Hell House runs through tomorrow from 6:30-10 p.m. The waiting line is long, but moves quickly. Baley advises visitors to take a friend - it might just scare the hell out of you.

Halloween 2000:

What to do in East Texas

by Melissa Raynor
staff writer

Tuesday.

Most children like to go door to door to trick or treating but some parents prefer safer options.

Green Acres Baptist Church plans their annual fall festival with games, candy and lots of fun for all ages in a safe place.

Broadway Square Mall will have a costume contest and give candy to trick-or-treaters at each store.

SkatePlex 2000 plans a Halloween party

Haunted houses in Tyler provide a fright. The Jaycees Haunted House, located at 13955 Hwy. 155 at the old Lost City building will be open Halloween night.

Judgment Day House at 110 Student Center and Hell House nearby on Troup Highway are other choices

October automatically makes one think of Ghosts, goblins and those darlings dressed as spooky and funny characters.

But children are not the only ones who go all out for this festive occasion. Many adults enjoy Halloween.

"I like dressing up and going trick or treating also," Leslie Mitchell said. Mitchell used to volunteer at the Jaycees Haunted House, and will dress up for work this year.

"I like dressing up. It's one day out of the year I can have fun and be somebody I'm not," Brian Baker said. Courtney Maynard said she likes to see how gross she can be each year. This year she will dress as an 'Old lady' both Saturday and

How did you celebrate Halloween as a child?



Kimberly Reagan

"I went trick-or-treating as a child. Now that I have a daughter, I take her to church functions. People are crazy now."



Kendel Joseph

"I went with my cousins trick-or-treating. I ate most of the candy before I got home."



Meredith Getting

"I went trick-or-treating and to costume parties when I was younger. Now that I am older, I still go to costume parties."



Shamita Walker

"I went trick-or-treating as a kid in Grapeland. I dressed up in costumes."



Drew Freeman

"I collected candy as a kid and went trick-or-treating."



Ebony Shepherd

"We went trick-or-treating as a kids and ate candy afterwards."

Former students create Perfect Praise

by Ashley Tompkins
page editor

Hearing their first single, "Happy," on the radio was a surreal moment for sisters Trina and Shonna Geter and cousin Lolita Sheriow, the group known as Perfect Praise.

"We were in the car driving to an engagement in Louisiana, talking, laughing and rehearsing parts for our presentation that evening," Shonna Geter recalls. "The radio was on real low and my sister, Trina, was in the back seat. She said to 'turn that up, turn that up,' and lo and behold we heard 'Happy.' All three of us just looked at each other — there was this eerie quiet that lasted until the song was over."

They laughed, screamed, shouted and cried.

"We pulled over to offer a prayer of thanksgiving. I was still trembling when we got back in the car," Shonna Geter said.

Perfect Praise began their ca-

reer in 1993 at an Apollo Search contest in Longview. They won and earned a spot on the amateur talent show "Showtime at the Apollo" in Harlem, N.Y. in 1994.

"We didn't win when we got on the show, but I think that we did pretty good and that got us started in the rest of the industry," Shonna Geter said.

Three years after their performance on "Showtime at the Apollo" Shonna, 25, Trina, 27 and Lolita, 26 were signed by World Wide Gospel Music. The group, who hail from Kilgore and Henderson and attended TJC, in-

corporates balanced harmonies, melodies, powerful beats and lyr-

hip-hop," Shonna Geter said. "We also do traditional songs as well."

Singing comes naturally to the girls, Shonna Geter said. They grew up singing gospel music.

"We were brought up in the church, especially singing traditional music. We've been singing gospel for six years," Trina Geter said.

With the release of

their CD, they have been busy.

"We plan on making more CDs, traveling more, videos and crusades," Trina Geter said.

Perfect Praise is opening daycare in Kilgore.

"We want to emphasize your excellence and offer counseling. We're planning on doing another CD at the first of the year," Shonna Geter said. "Right now we're just promoting the CD and doing tours."

From here on out until the Lord calls them to do something else, they're just going to be real, Trina Geter said.

"We're going to be in the ministry, to finish the plan that he has for us," she said.

"We want to encourage you out there who need positive influence about the Lord," Shonna Geter said. "Perfect Praise wants to let them know there's a better way."

"God has really shown us that we each, individually, will pretty much be doing more evangelizing in the future," Lolita Geter said. "He's really dealing with us at this point, so however God leads us. There will always be Perfect Praise."



Christian musicians perform at State Fair

by Clay Branscom
staff writer

Award-winning artists Jars Of Clay and recording artist Jennifer Knapp performed at the Texas State Fair in Dallas earlier this month. Jars of Clay won the 1995 Dove Award for best new artist for their self-titled Essential Records debut album and a 1997 Grammy for "Much Afraid."

Their latest release, "If I Left The Zoo," opened at No. 1 on Christian charts. All three albums have been certified gold or platinum.

Jars have also been featured on six motion picture soundtracks.

Knapp won the Dove Award for best new artist in 1999 with her debut album "Kansas." She works with Gotee Records.

She toured with mega-group dc Talk in 1999, and her latest release, "Lay It Down," drew rave reviews from Billboard and People magazines.

Jars and Knapp signed autographs at an Irving bookstore last week.

"I haven't been there (to the Fair) yet, but I want a corn dog when I get there," Knapp said.

Jars of Clay lead singer Dan Haseltine, guitarist Matt Odmark and bass guitarist Aaron Sands agreed that eating Fair food interested them.

"I am looking forward to the sheep racing," keyboardist Charlie Lowell said.

Their music and the State Fair were not the only things on Jars' mind.

"The one thing I am waiting for is that the Monday after the Fair," guitarist Stephan Mason said, "The Tennessee Titans will beat the Jacksonville Jaguars on Monday Night Football."

The Titans won 27-13.



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Students juggle stress of school, work, life

by Stacie Drinning
and Brook Jennings
staff writers

Four out of five TJC students work an average of 31.6 hours per week, according to a survey of 27 students. They are taking an average of 13.5 hours of classes. How do they balance school and their jobs effectively?

Chris Somerede, a Wienerland employee who works 40 hours a week, said he has a "hard time." He says he doesn't balance anything. He's "gone 18 hours out of the day, six hours of sleep and study."

Those people who work full time and are full-time students have the worst problems but, those with part-time jobs find their plates full also.

Marie Clark, who works at Parade of Shoes, says the key to doing well in school and work is to make "priorities and make sure everything gets done."

Crystal Hardy, 18, a pre-

nursing major from San Augustine, works 24 to 30 hours a week at Tom McDonald State Farm Insurance Agency. She said, "my biggest problem is finding time to study."

Most working students work off campus, but some find on-campus jobs. Student assistants are employed through the human resources office, and work-study employees are paid through the financial aid office. Currently about 275 students are employed through human resources.

Nina Rochelle, financial services staff technician, said anyone can apply for campus jobs.

Work-study employees must qualify. They must be receiving financial aid and have further financial need, be enrolled in at least 6 hours of classes and maintain a 2.0 GPA, Celia Bunt, financial aid and scholarship specialist, said.

Approximately 40 students have work-study jobs.

Cryshanna Rockwell, 18, a psychology major from Grand Saline said, "It's not having enough time to sleep."

Vince Deluna, 18, a pre-pharmacy major from The Woodlands, said, "It's not having enough money for gas."

Justin King, 22, a psychol-

ogy major from Dallas waits tables at Currents. He said, "getting up in the morning" is his problem.

Most agreed that working while going to school is tough, but it has benefits.

Alessia Todde, a business major from Italy, said working and going to school "keeps my brain thinking."

Fredrick Smith, 21, an art

major from Lufkin, works as a resident advisor in West Hall, a rewarding job "because people look up to me."

A few answered with one word — MONEY! Money helps pay rent, car payments and gas and it gives them some to spend when they actually have free time.

And someday work may help them get a job they actually enjoy.

WOW aids career women

by Kitee Cunningham
staff writer

Winning Opportunities for Women is an organization for women, seeking support with their career issues. The group meets every first and third Wednesday to talk about life and their trials in their jobs, Melinda Coker, career planning and placement director, said.

This program, known as WOW grew three years ago from women in more tech-

nical jobs who need support from other women in similar situations.

Most members are TJC students and faculty, but others, including men, can join.

For information on WOW go to the Support Services Office in Pirtle Tech. Center in room 202, or go to their website at www.tyler.cc.tx.us/cpps and click on WOW icon, Coker said.

Coats for Kids

Remember the last day to bring in jackets, sweaters and coats for the Coats for Kids Drive at TJC is tomorrow.

Phi Theta Kappa is accepting all types of coats and they can be dropped off at any of the Phi Theta Kappa sponsors' offices: Gigi Beaton, Pirtle Technology 341; Catherine Cates, Genecov 101 and Judy Turman, Rogers Student Center 300.

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Football team wins big

by Clay Branscom
staff writer

The high-powered Apaches offense resembled the St. Louis Rams in the last two weeks.

The Apaches crushed Cisco College in Cisco, 72-2, Oct. 14, and then beat Ranger College 61-31 at Rose Stadium the following weekend.

Cisco's 2-0 lead on a safety was all they could manage against the Apaches.

The offense scored 72 unanswered points with the efforts of Running Backs Jonathan Combs and Robert Lolohea. Combs (145 yards) and Lolohea (105 yards) ran for a combined 250 yards and three touchdowns. Fullback Colby Malone added two touchdown runs. Wide receiver Tray Porter's two receptions brought touchdowns of 41 and 42 yards.

On defense, lineman Stephan Tomlinson made five tackles, recovered two fumbles, returned one for a touchdown and grabbed one interception and Cornerback Charles Davis returned an interception for a touchdown. The defense allowed Cisco only 123 yards.

"Our defense got us going," Offensive Coordinator Scott Clough said.

"We were mostly happy with

our offense. We had not thrown the ball well until this game," Clough added. "Despite the score, we were not trying to run up the score."

In another offensive onslaught, the Apaches wiped out Ranger.

The defense struck first as line-backer Jeremy Loyd returned an interception 80 yards for a 10-0 lead.

"It was a sweep to the outside, the fullback kicked out and I jumped in front of it and returned it," Loyd said.

Big plays went TJC's way as wide receiver Juan Valentine grabbed an 87-yard pass from quarterback Jeff Hilliard for a TD.

The running game was hot. Running Backs Combs, Lolohea, and Olan Coleman combined for more than 300 yards and four touchdowns.

"Our offense is clicking right now, and we are starting to put it together," Lolohea said.

"We are starting to execute and stop making little mistakes," Coleman added.

Following the Apaches Oct. 28 game against Trinity Valley Community College, they will look for revenge against Kilgore College in their 3 p.m. Homecoming match Saturday at Rose Stadium.

Fall Sports Schedule

Oct. 30

Apache Volleyball vs. Lon Morris College
Jacksonville, 7 p.m.

Nov. 1

Apache Women's Basketball vs. Collin County
Plano, 6 p.m.

Nov. 3

Apache Volleyball vs. Panola College
Carthage, 7 p.m.

Apache Men's Basketball vs. Texas College JV
Wagstaff Gym, 8 p.m.

Apache Ladies Basketball
Conners Cowgirl Classic, Warner, Okla.

Nov. 4

Apache Football vs. Kilgore College
Rose Stadium, 3 p.m. (Homecoming)

Apache Men's Basketball vs. Midland College
Wagstaff Gym, 8 p.m.

Apache Women's Basketball
Conners Cowgirl Classic, Warner, Okla.

Apache Soccer
Regional Finals, TBA

Nov. 10

Apache Volleyball
Region XIV Tournament
TBA (If Necessary)

Apache Mens Basketball
Chipola Classic, Marianna, Fla.

Apache Soccer
District Finals, Richland College,
Dallas
(If Necessary)

Nov. 11

Apache Football
Conference Playoffs (If Necessary)

Apache Volleyball
Region XIV Tournament (If Necessary)

Apache Men's Basketball
Chipola Classic, Marianna, Fla.

Apache Soccer
District Finals, Richland College,
Dallas
(If Necessary)

Ladies win tournament, look ahead to title play

by Clay Branscom
staff writer

The Apache Ladies Volleyball team's success continued, winning the Collin County Tournament in Plano to run their season record to 26-12. With a 6-1 conference record, they are in second place behind Panola College.

The Ladies skipped the Gulf Shores Tournament in Alabama because several teams dropped out. They used the time to prepare for Panola.

In the Collin County Tournament, Setter Katie Michaelis named the Tournament MVP and Outside Hitter Jessica Layne. Middle Blocker Nicole Wells made the All-Tournament Team.

"We are playing real well and we have everyone back that has been hurt," Head Coach Dana Hatch said.

Next Ladies' game will be today at Lon Morris College in Jacksonville. They play for Region XIV title against Panola College.

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